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Number of "Neera" tapping co-operative societies in Salem district.

* 1411 Q.—Sri T. S. ARDHANARI: Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments and Transport be pleased to state the number of "Neera" tapping co-operative societies in Salem district?

The Hon. Sri B. PARAMESWARAN :—" 163, Sir."

Appointment of Harijans as members in the Taluk Government Civil Hospital Committees in Malabar.

* 1412 Q.—Sri KUNHI MOHAMAD SHAFEE (on behalf of Sri M. Chadayan): Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state whether any Harijans have been appointed as members in any of the Taluk Government Civil Hospital Committees in Malabar and, if so, in which?

The Hon. Sri A. B. SHETTY :—" None, Sir."

Delay in the payment of salary to the District Board Elementary School teachers, Malabar.

11.40 a.m. * 1413 Q.—Sri N. GOPALA MENON: Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(a) whether any representations were received by the Government from the Malabar District Board Elementary School Teachers' Union that salaries of teachers are not being regularly paid; and

(b) if so, what steps the Government propose to take to ensure their prompt payment?

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (a) & (b) The hon. Member's attention is invited to the answer given to Legislative Assembly starred question No. 965 (1879) put by the hon. Sri M. Narayana Kurup answered on 19th May 1954."

Eviction of Harijans in Panjetti village, Ponneri taluk.

* 1414 Q.—Sri S. PAKKIRISWAMI PILLAI: Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that the Tahsildar of Ponneri issued orders recently for the eviction of 47 Harijan families in Panjetti village, Ponneri taluk, from 40 acres of land of which they had been in possession for the past six years; and

(b) whether there is any proposal to assign the said lands to the said Harijans?

The Hon. Sri M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" (a) The occupations in 26·70 acres in Panjetti Thangal were ordered to be evicted because they were objectionable.

" (b) No, Sir."

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SRI S. PAKKIRISWAMI PILLAI :—" May I know whether these Harijan ryots waited in deputation on the Hon. Chief Minister and the Hon. Minister for Land Revenue? I do not know what has become of the petition that was submitted to the Hon. Minister for Land Revenue. I would like to know what action has been taken on the petition of these Harijan ryots."

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" The petition was thoroughly examined. It was found baseless. I also thought at first that there would be some truth. But on examination, I found that there was no foundation for the complaint referred to in the petition."

Construction of West Coast road.

* 1415 Q.—SRI T. ANANTA PAI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have received any communication from the Central Government regarding the construction of a West Coast Road ; and

(b) if so, when the Government will start this work?

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" (a) Yes, Sir.

" (b) Some of the works on the road are under execution and the remaining works will be taken up shortly in batches."

Starting of a bus route from Ponnani to Chalissery via *Changaramkulam.*

* 1416 Q.—SRI E. T. KUNHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments and Transport be pleased to state whether the Government have any proposal to start a bus route from Ponnani to Chalissery *via* Changaramkulam?

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" (a) The answer is in the negative."

Special rules for the Madras State Higher Judicial Service.

* 1417 Q.—SRI P. RANGASWAMI REDDIAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(a) whether in 1951, the Government issued orders constituting the Madras State Higher Judicial Service and integrating the posts of District Munsifs, Subdivisional Magistrates, Presidency Magistrates and Sub-Judges;

(b) how many persons in the Madras Subordinate Judicial Service lost their seniority or were affected otherwise, as a consequence of the abovesaid order;